

## **Region 3 GPRA Baseline RCRA Corrective Action Facility**

# **P & R Railcar Service (Formerly: GE Railcar Services Corp.)**

**Triumph Industrial Park  
505 Blue Ball Road (Rte. 545)  
Elkton, MD 21922  
Congressional District 1  
EPA ID #: MDD078288354  
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## **Current Progress at the Site**

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In October 1999, EPA conducted an Environmental Indicator (EI) inspection to determine whether human exposures and groundwater releases were under control. EPA concluded that more information was necessary. GE submitted a Site Investigation Workplan to EPA, which was approved in August 2001. Site investigations were completed in the fall of 2002, and included extensive surface and subsurface soil sampling and installation of groundwater wells and groundwater sampling. In August 2002, EPA received the final report and approved it in May 2003. GE submitted plans for further work, which EPA approved. Current work includes a pilot study for in-situ remediation of on-site contaminated ground water, and an investigation to delineate off-site ground water contamination. Field work and reports were completed in December 2004. EPA approved the off-site ground water investigation, which proposes more off-site wells, and is currently reviewing the in-situ pilot.

GE agreed to perform the investigations pursuant to the Region's Facility Lead Corrective Action Agreement, which was signed in October 9, 2001. The Environmental Indicator Forms discuss that current human exposure to site contaminants is under control, and that further data is needed to determine whether migration of contaminated ground water is under control.

## **Site Description**

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The GE facility is located in Cecil County, at 505 Blue Road in Triumph Industrial Park in Elkton, Maryland. The facility is 28 acres of mostly vacant land. The last use of the site was as a rail car cleaning and repair facility primarily for tanker type rail cars. The facility handled all types of mechanical repairs and maintenance of freight cars. The repair and maintenance included: steel fabrication, welding, cutting, and brazing. The facility also steam cleaned, sandblasted, and painted the interior and exterior of rail cars. GE closed the facility in 1988. Under the Maryland Department of Environment direction, GE has performed various investigations and closure activities.

Prior to GE, several other companies owned and/or managed the property, including the U.S. Navy, and various chemical and rail car maintenance facilities.

## Site Responsibility

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RCRA Corrective Action activities at this facility are being conducted under the direction of EPA Region 3 with assistance from the State.

## Contaminants

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Benzene, chlorobenzene, and chlorinated solvents have been detected in ground water. There is limited surface and subsurface soil contamination (chlorinated solvents, PCB, mercury and benzo(a)pyrene) in discrete areas.

## Institutional Controls

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No institutional controls are currently in place.

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